

VICTIMS ADVOCACY COUNCIL

*A coalition of community agencies working to create a climate that supports
and advocates for victims of crime and educates to prevent further victimization*

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The Victims Advocacy Council of the San Antonio Police Department invites families and friends of victims and survivors of violent crimes to join together to remember their loved ones on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at Madison Square Presbyterian Church, 319 Camden.

The holidays are very difficult for families who have lost a loved one as a result of violence, even if the violence and resulting death happened years ago. For some people who have survived sexual assault, domestic violence, assault, DUI, it is difficult, if not impossible, to celebrate or enjoy the holidays.

Helping families remember their loved ones at this time of year is a way to continue the healing and let the families know that the community of San Antonio does care. The Victims Advocacy Council of San Antonio is joining with other communities throughout the state to sponsor the TREE OF ANGELS DEDICATION.

Families and friends of victims and survivors of violent crimes are invited to bring an angel ornament to place on the tree as a tribute to their loved ones. The Council will have ornaments available at the ceremony.

Everyone is invited to the social gathering in the church hall after the ceremony

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